

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

IN RE: Gordon Fox
 Respondent

Complaint No. 2013-5

RESPONDENT'S ANSWER

Respondent, Gordon Fox, 11 Gorton Street, Providence, RI 02906, in answer to the above-captioned Complaint states:

Mr. Fox is a state elected official. He is currently the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives. He has been a Rhode Island State Representative since 1992. His public office is located at the Rhode Island State House. His private law office is located at 127 Dorrance Street, 2nd Floor, Providence, RI 02903.

The subject of the Complaint is Mr. Fox's work as a closing attorney on loans administered through the Providence Economic Development Partnership ("PEDP"). PEDP contracted with Mr. Fox in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Mr. Fox listed PEDP as a source of income on his 2010, 2011 and 2012 Yearly Financial Statements filed with the Rhode Island Ethics Commission. Following the end of 2012 Mr. Fox has performed no work for PEDP.

The Complaint focuses on the years 2005 through 2009. In 2005 through 2009, PEDP contracted with Joshua Teverow's private law office to perform PEDP loan closings. Mr. Teverow's office subcontracted with Mr. Fox as a closing attorney on some of the closings that PEDP had contracted with Mr. Teverow's office to perform. PEDP issued checks to Mr. Teverow's office and Mr. Teverow's office paid Mr. Fox out of those funds. PEDP issued no checks to Mr. Fox.

When Mr. Fox filed his Yearly Financial Statements for the years 2005 – 2009, he did not list PEDP because he believed that he did not need to list a state or municipal agency on the

Yearly Financial Statements unless he received income from the agency. If the Ethics Commission believes that Mr. Fox should have considered his income from Joshua Teverow's law office to be income received from a state or municipal agency, then Mr. Fox will amend his Yearly Financial Statements for the years prior to 2010 to list PEDP as a source of income, as he did in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Respondent,
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VERIFICATION

I, Gordon Fox, being duly sworn, depose and state:

That I am the Respondent in the above-captioned matter before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission and have read the foregoing Answer and know the contents thereof and that the same is true of my own knowledge except as to matters therein stated on information and belief and that as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Gordon Fox

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Rhode Island
County of Providence

Subscribed and sworn to by _____

at _____ before me this _____ day of

_____, 20_____.

Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires: _____